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Leadership's plaguing questions

- What if it isn't the trophies you collect but the people you develop?
- What if it isn't how you take the field, but how graciously it is yielded to those to whom it belongs?
- What if justice requires you to give up your rights so that others might live?
- What if the estate that really counts is a roomful of family and friends at my death rather than a full bank account?
- What if it isn't about the resources I conserve or consume, but those I create for the use of others?
- What if my marriage is not about my happiness, but my spouse's?
- What if my vocation is not about the power I accumulate but the wisdom I dispense?
- What if life is not so much about knowing as it is learning?
- What if hope and joy matter more than the impossible pursuit of perfection?
- What if the destination and journey of life are one and the same?

Questions like these are not poster sayings. They form fundamental, orienting choices that drive my world view, my treatment of others, and my motivation to engage in my life's circumstances. All of us know family members, neighbors, clergy, supervisors and politicians one on side or the other.

Do you see the choices? You can make a chart of them.

Taking	----	Gracious yielding
Justice for me	----	Justice for others
A big bank account	----	A room full of family and friends
Conserve/consume	----	Create
My happiness	----	My spouse and family's happiness
Accumulation of power	----	Dispersal of wisdom
Perfection	----	Hope and joy
Destination or journey	----	Destination AND journey

Which type of leader do you find yourself more ready to follow and why?

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